

'Full Track' Gun Vehicles To Come Here

City commissioners Monday night voted to lease another three and a half acres of land at the East Airport to the National Guard after Maj. Gen. John P. Jolly described plans for a major storage area here.

Jolly, who is state adjutant general and formerly of Las Cruces, attended the city commission meeting and made a personal request for the lease of additional land to what the Guard already leases off North Solano.

He said the Guard plans call for a summer field concentration site in Las Cruces and more land is needed immediately as the first shipment of new equipment is due this month. This will include twin 40 millimeter "full track" gun vehicles. These guns are mounted on "tanks without turrets" and cost about \$125,000 each.

Jolly also said \$10,000 in improvements are scheduled for the area, plus 14 new fulltime employees. The storage area buildup here has been agreed on because of the proximity to Ft. Bliss, whose vast military reservation is used each summer for training by the New Mexico National Guard.

In other commission business, about 50 to 60 persons appeared to speak in opposition to the city's public housing program, which has already received a federal loan. James Martin, a local attorney, presented a petition with 280 names. He said these names are being added to those of another 1,700 already submitted to the commission as opposing public housing here.

Others in the delegation who
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National Guard storage at East Airport

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